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Docket No.: SON-1659/CON
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takashi Hirakawa et al.

Appeal No. 2009-012063

Application No.: 10/811,246

Confirmation No.: 9013

Filed: March 29, 2004

Art Unit: 2629

For: LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS
AND THREE-PANEL LIQUID-CRYSTAL
DISPLAY PROJECTOR

Examiner: L. Y. Lao

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF ORAL HEARING DATE

MS Appeal Brief-Patents
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a request for a modification of the Oral Hearing date for either Appeal No. 2009-012063 or Appeal No. 2009-13808.

An appeal of the final decision of the Examiner in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/811,246, the instant application on appeal, is identifiable as Appeal No. 2009-012063.

A related Request for Appeal No. 2009-13808 is being filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/521,429.

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1. BACKGROUND

a. Appeal No. 2009-012063

Appeal No. 2009-012063 is the appeal in the instant application.

The “*Notice of Hearing Confirmation Required Within Twenty-One Days*” dated June 11, 2010 requests a confirmation for attending the Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (“the Board”) in Appeal No. 2009-012063 scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

As an initial reply to the Notice, a confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-012063 was filed by facsimile on June 17, 2010.

A copy of the confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-012063 is provided as an attachment to this Request.

b. Appeal No. 2009-13808

Appeal No. 2009-13808 is the appeal in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/521,429.

A “*Notice of Hearing Confirmation Required Within Twenty-One Days*” dated June 11, 2010 requests a confirmation for attending an Oral Hearing before the Board in Appeal No. 2009-13808 scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

However, the hearing date and time of July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM is *in conflict* with the Oral Hearing regarding Appeal No. 2009-012063.

A copy of the confirmation for attendance at the Oral Hearing for Appeal No. 2009-13808 is also provided as an attachment to this Request.

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2. RELIEF

At the discretion of the Board, modification of the Oral Hearing date for either Appeal No. 2009-012063 or Appeal No. 2009-13808 from July 20, 2010 to another date is respectfully requested.

Dated: July 1, 2010

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Appeal No: 2009-012063
Appellant: Takashi Hirakawa, et al.
Application No: 10/811,246
Hearing Room: B
Hearing Docket: B
Hearing Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2010
Hearing Time: 09:00 AM
Location: Madison Building - East Wing
600 Dulany Street, 9th Floor
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF HEARING
CONFIRMATION REQUIRED WITHIN TWENTY-ONE DAYS**

Your attention is directed to 37 CFR § 41.47. The above identified appeal will be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on the date indicated. Hearings will commence at the time set and as soon as the argument in one appeal is concluded, the succeeding appeal will be taken up. The time allowed for argument is twenty minutes unless additional time is requested and permitted before the argument is commenced. If there are any inquiries, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 571-272-9797.

The application involved in this appeal has been published. Accordingly, the hearing in this appeal is open to the public.

CONFIRMATION OR WAIVER OF THE HEARING IS REQUIRED. This form must be completed below and facsimile transmitted to both: (1) the USPTO Central fax number (official copy), and (2) the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences fax number (courtesy copy) within TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice indicating confirmation or waiver of the hearing. A copy of this notice may be alternately filed by mail if facsimile is not available.

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